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¶1. (SBU) DCM contacted MFA Political Director Vegard Ellefsen (who was in New York for UNGA) stressing points in reftel. Ellefsen was unaware of this issue but promised to get back to us once he found out more. Steffen Kongstad, head of MFA Security Policy Section, after hearing reftel points was noncommittal, saying only that Norway's preference is to include rather than exclude. He did not object when we stressed the importance of maintaining the integrity of the IAEA but the GON seems likely to at best play a neutral role. Post had also pressed Deputy FM Raymond Johansen on this during a September 9 visit by Ambassador Greg Schulte of USUN Vienna. On September 24 DCM pressed the MFA Americas Director Morten Aaslund to get us an answer soonest.

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